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All Members

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*Dear All,*

### **ARMED FORCES DAY- BRANCH PARTICIPATION NAIRN AND INVERNESS**

1. There are various events taking place and we have been asked to participate in the following:
  - a. **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June Town House Nairn** – There will a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Town House at 1030 followed by a short speech by the Lord Lieutenant. After the short ceremony we will retire to the Legion for refreshments and there will be a presentation by the RAF.
  - b. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June RBL Nairn** – assemble at the RBL at 1330 hours. There will be a short parade at 1415 with the salute being taken by the Lord Lieutenant. This will be followed by speeches in the Legion with a Flag Lowering at 1730. Members can choose how long they wish to stay for.
  - c. **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July Inverness** – assemble in the Walking Precinct of the High Street at 1230. The Pipes and Drums are forming up on Falcon Square. The Marching Contingent will form up in the Walking Precinct and the Pipes and Drums will move from Falcon Square to the head of the parade. We will hopefully have sufficient numbers to form our own marching contingent. After Marching on the Colours the Parade will set off and March to the Northern Meeting Park. Those on Parade will gain free entry to the Inverness Highland Games taking place that afternoon. There is also talk of a reduction for Family Members of the Marching Contingent. Further details are to follow. There will be a Drumhead Service at 1630 and those who wish to participate are welcome to do so.
2. Members wishing to participate are requested to inform me by Telephone (Work Office or Mobile) or by email as follows:
  - a. Nairn Events by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June (no you haven't got long).
  - b. Inverness Event by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.
3. New Standard's are currently on order for both Edinburgh and Highland Branches and hopefully they will be with us before the Parades. Volunteer's to form the Colour Party (standard Bearer plus two) are required for The Nairn & Inverness Parade's. Again names to me please.
4. Dress – the numbers we have on Parade is more important than us all being dressed the same however normal QO HLDRS standards apply. Uniformity coupled with individuality with as many Blue Hackles as possible please.

*All queries to me please. Members from all Branches are most welcome to join us.*

*Yours aye, Bob*